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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number:	09/250,883
Filing Date:	February 16, 1999
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above identified application.

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- i. ☐ Consider the Amendment(s)/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Other: _____.
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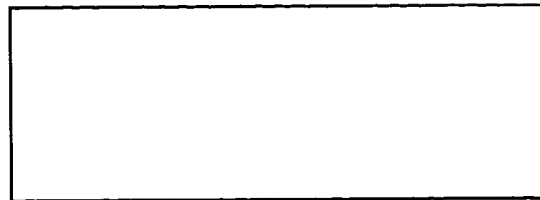
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